

Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie Presented to

Miss Hawai'i-Island Filipina Scholarship Pageant

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On behalf of the people of the State of Hawai'i, I send my warmest greetings of *aloha* to all the attendees and supporters of the Miss Hawai'i-Island Filipina Scholarship Pageant.

The Miss Hawai'i-Island Filipina Scholarship Pageant shares my administration's commitment to promoting and investing in the highest quality of education for Hawai'i's youth. This year's theme, "I Believe," reflects the perseverance and motivation needed to achieve our goals in creating a new day forward Hawai'i.

I commend the Big Island Filipino Community Council for its outstanding work in organizing this scholarship and cultural pageant, which promotes education and cultural understanding in Hawai'i. I also extend a heartfelt mahalo to everyone who has worked hard to make the Pageant a success. Good luck to all the contestants. Please accept my best wishes for an evening of pageantry, beauty, and cultural pride!

With warmest regards,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawai'i